

I support media diversity

I am writing to comment on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules.

Do not change the media ownership rules. I strongly believe the FCC should retain all of the current media ownership rules now in place. These rules serve the public interest by limiting the market power of already huge companies in the broadcast industry.

To change the rules as proposed will risk the very foundation of democracy--an informed public. The FCC would be guilty of a very serious breach of public trust--one our society will look back on in years to come as one that took America down a darker path.

The public interest will best be served by preserving media ownership rules in question in this proceeding.

In addition to the official hearing on this matter in Richmond, VA, I strongly urge the FCC to hold additional hearings around the nation. A Beltway proceeding is not sufficient. It is imperative that the FCC not only consider the points of view of those with a financial interest in this issue, but also those with a social or civic interest.

With the serious impact these rule changes will have on our democracy, it is incumbent on the Commission to take the time to review these issues more thoroughly and allow the American people to have a meaningful say in the process.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

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